

2016 Washington State Tribal – State Transportation Conference

Suquamish, Washington

September 28-29, 2016

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

To help us develop an exciting, motivating and informative program for the Conference, we invite you to submit ideas for presentations in support of this year's conference's theme of "Lifeways and Lifelines: Linking Traditional Knowledge to Build a Better Future". We expect to offer approximately 24 sessions, each session lasting 90 minutes. We want to offer a broad range of transportation topics including, but not limited to planning, safety, transit, funding, cultural and natural resources management and workforce development.

► For questions, contact: Megan Cotton, PO Box 47318, Olympia, WA, 98504 – cottonm@wsdot.wa.gov - (360) 705-7025.

Proposals are due by April 22, 2016

Call for Presentations/Topics

Join us at our biennial conference where tribal, state, federal and local transportation officials will discuss and learn about transportation issues within Washington State. Our conference will explore a range of transportation topics including planning, safety, transit, funding, cultural and natural resources management and workforce development. To help us develop an exciting, motivating and informative program for the Conference, we invite you to submit ideas for presentations in support of the conference's theme. We expect to offer approximately 24 sessions, each lasting 90 minutes. Upon request, the Selection Committee may combine sessions to allow more time for discussion on a specific topic.

The Selection Committee is particularly interested with presentations that introduce successful projects, best practices, convey useful strategies, identify lessons learned, and strengthen professional partnerships.

Submissions

The Selection Committee looks forward to receiving your ideas. Due to the large number of proposals expected, we will not be able to accept every proposal, and we may combine individual proposals with similar topics to create a Panel Session. If you know of someone who would complement your proposal, please forward this call for proposals onto them.

We anticipate a large number of presenters, so we hope you understand that we are unable to cover expenses. Speakers are expected to pay the Conference registration fee and travel expenses. We try very hard with everyone's current budget situation to keep the registration rates as low as we possibly can for all.

To submit a proposal, please refer to the submission instructions below.

Submission Instructions

Please submit the following information for your proposal by April 22, 2016. Please limit your response to items 1 through 5 to a single page, left justified, 11 point font minimum:

- 1. Proposed Title of Presentation** (think creatively).
- 2. Describe the presentation and its purpose.**
- 3. What benefits do you expect that attendees will gain from your presentation?**
- 4. How will your proposed session relate or contribute to the Conference theme:** “Lifeways and Lifelines: Linking Traditional Knowledge to Build a Better Future”.
- 5. Please list your anticipated speaker(s)**, along with their title and affiliation/organization (speaker(s) can be changed later).
- 6. What is your contact information?** Please provide the following:
 - a. Name
 - b. Title
 - c. Affiliation/Organization
 - d. Address
 - e. Phone Number
 - g. Email Address
 - h. Website Address (if applicable for your topic or organization)

** If proposing a Panel Presentation, please provide the same contact information for each speaker and the moderator.*

7. Please list any anticipated A/V equipment needs.

In order to expedite the presentation review process, we require that all proposals be submitted electronically. If possible, save the document in Adobe PDF (PDF) or Microsoft Word (doc) and scan for viruses prior to submission.

8. To submit by email, send your proposal and any electronic attachments in the same email:

Jackska@wsdot.wa.gov (Please type “2016 T-S Conf Proposal” in the subject line.)

To submit by disk, mail your proposal on disk and any hardcopy attachments in the same envelope to:

MAILING ADDRESS:

Kara Jackson, Washington State Department of Transportation, PO Box 47318, Olympia, WA, 98504

SHIPPING ADDRESS:

Kara Jackson, Washington State Department of Transportation, 310 Maple Park Ave, Olympia, WA, 98501

For questions regarding the program or submitting proposals, please contact: Megan Cotton, Washington State Department of Transportation, PO Box 47318, Olympia, WA, 98504 – cottonm@wsdot.wa.gov - (360) 705-7025.

The Selection Committee will review all submissions and contact session coordinators and presenters no later than June 29, 2016.

Registration and Accommodations

Online registration will be available this summer. Reserve your room now at the Clearwater Casino Resort by calling 866-609-8700. Reference WA State DOT Tribal/State Transportation Conference to receive the group rate. Or, you may go online and use Group ID: 8176 Password: 37001231. (when prompted “group contact password” is not necessary)

Look for future announcements, registration or to learn more about the 2016 Tribal – State Transportation Conference on the Washington State Department of Transportation’s Tribal Liaison website (<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/tribal>) or contact the office at (360) 705-7025 or by email at cottonm@wsdot.wa.gov.